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Field Crops Report

As of December 2, **Cotton** harvest is 88 percent complete, slightly behind last year's progress of 92 percent, but ahead of the five year average rate of 86 percent.

Alfalfa harvest progress was reported as 43 percent not being harvested, 11 percent light, 15 percent moderate and 31 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 13 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 48 percent good, and 14 percent excellent.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 2 percent very poor, 13 percent poor, 46 percent fair, 35 percent good, and 4 percent excellent. **Livestock** were reported to be in good condition. **Stock Water** was reported as adequate. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as light.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, cauliflower, green onions, head lettuce, mixed greens, romaine, spinach and watermelons.

Western Arizona producers shipped bok choy, broccoflower, broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, endive, escarole, kale, napa, parsley, rapini and spinach last week. Western lettuce shipments included boston, iceberg, leaf, romaine and spring mix.

Last week citrus producers in central Arizona harvested fairchild tangerines, lemons, mandarins and navels, while western producers harvested fairchild tangerines, lemons and navels.

Weather Summary

Temperatures throughout the State were well below average for the week ending December 1. Temperatures ranged from 2 degrees below normal at Safford, to 9 degrees below normal at Kingman. The highest temperature of the week was 73 degrees at Coolidge, while the lowest reading was 8 degrees at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 6 of the 17 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.03 inches at Kingman to 0.30 inches at Flagstaff.

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Weather Information Table (temperatures, precipitation, and/or growing degree days)

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK NOVEMBER 25 TO DECEMBER 1, 2001**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	36	-6	50	9	0.10	5.70	8.91
Casa Grande	56	-6	65	28	0.00	7.79	8.10
Coolidge	54	-3	73	26	0.00	8.94	7.77
Douglas	48	-3	70	22	0.00	9.30	12.41
Flagstaff	33	-5	42	15	0.30	16.36	20.47
Gila Bend	58	-5	70	33	0.00	4.71	5.96
Grand Canyon	34	-8	46	8	0.26	17.17	14.19
Kingman	49	-9	57	24	0.03	7.31	8.87
Parker	58	-6	66	39	0.00	2.08	3.97
Payson	42	-5	56	21	0.00	18.64	19.89
Phoenix	58	-3	70	41	0.00	5.84	6.69
Prescott Airport	42	-7	55	15	0.12	10.32	12.19
Safford Ag Center	47	-2	69	23	0.00	5.70	8.75
Tucson	56	-5	70	29	0.00	7.21	10.96
Willcox	45	-3	72	20	0.00	12.89	11.67
Winslow	39	-5	58	9	0.04	5.89	7.40
Yuma	60	-3	68	43	0.00	3.15	2.73

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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